

## 8 Appleby Archaeology Group

Notes of The Annual General Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group which took place on Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2008 in the Supper Room, Market Hall, Appleby at 7pm.

### Present

Committee members 6

Members of the group 16

Richard Stevens Chairman  
Mike Godfrey Treasurer  
Phyllis Rouston Secretary  
Martin Joyce Newsletter Editor  
Heather Edwards Publicity Officer  
Martin Railton  
Harry Hawkins

Apologies for Absence None received..

### Notes of the last AGM 9/01/07

The notes had been circulated to all members with the autumn Newsletter.  
Those present agreed that the notes were a correct record.

### 1/2008 Matters arising from the notes

There were no matters arising.

### 2/2008 Chairman's report

The chairman thanked the membership for their continuing support and enthusiasm in what had been a successful year. The evening talks had been well attended and this summer's activities had proved popular with over 20 at two of the events. Membership is steady at around 60 members. The members of the committee were thanked for their support and Liz Hawkins for her work as membership secretary (a non-committee role).

He mentioned that the Kirkland project had had to be abandoned as permission was not given for a small scale excavation on the site however there was a possibility of field work on Brackenber Moor.

The highlight of the year had been the Conference in September. The calibre of the speakers and the local interest had ensured that it was well attended with over 70 delegates. The conference papers were now available, in booklet form or as a CD, from Harry Hawkins.

### 3/2008 Secretary's Report

The secretary outlined the activities of 2007. There had been seven talks over the season and a day Conference in October. The year started with the Members' Evening when Martin Joyce spoke on the *Wells of Eden* and Anne Bell described a *Walk along the Wall*.

The subjects of the other talks covered 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century industry in Cumbria; the early medieval period in Cumbria and the excavations at Heron Bridge. In the autumn there was a return to the Romans with a talk on recent excavations at Maryport and in February a personal account of the ongoing work at Vindolanda from Andrew Birley.

There were three summer events. In May Martin Railton led a walk on Brackenber Moor to see the potential for field work. In June an afternoon was spent at Trelkeld Mining Museum with a visit to the adjacent Iron Age Settlement followed in July by a visit to

Whitely Castle Roman Fort when local historian Andrew Robertson took us on a walk round the site.

The Committee met quarterly to plan programmes and to monitor the finances. One of the principle activities this year was the organisation of the Conference.

Nic Bisset, who died in tragic circumstance this autumn, had resigned from the committee in February. Her contribution to the group will be missed.

#### **04/2008 Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the Financial Report for the year 2007 were tabled. The accounts had been audited by Peter Bridge and an audited report is available for inspection.

The opening balance for 2007 was £960.89. The closing balance was £1717.19.

The chairman asked the meeting if they had any questions for the treasurer. There being none he asked those present to approve the report. The report was approved by a show of hands.

The treasurer reminded those present that subscriptions for 2008 were due

#### **05/2008 Election of Officers**

The chairman advised that he had completed the first year of his three year appointment.

The remaining officers are elected annually and nominations were sought for from the floor.

There were none. The present office holders are happy to continue in office and this was approved by the meeting.

#### **06/2008 Brackenber Moor**

Martin Railton outlined the fieldwork that had been done in 2007. Brackenber Moor has a number of potential sites for investigation dating from the Bronze Age to more recent military training sites. In July, North Pennines Archaeology had supported three training days on surveying techniques on the site known as the "Druidical Judgment Seat". Martin had sent a report on the findings to English Heritage, Cumbria County Council, Historic Environment Record and the Oasis Project. He felt that the investigations should be pursued and he asked if the group would support this. Those present gave their approval to proceed. Margaret Albon asked if there would be further training available. Martin said that he thought that further training would be needed.

#### **07/2008 ANOB**

**Funding** The group wished to acknowledge the support they had received from *Awards for All*. Their financial assistance made possible both the Conference and the publication of the Conference Papers.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.25pm.....

Phyllis Rouston 10/1/08